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CUSTOMER NO. 37774

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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**TRANSITION METAL CARBOXYLATES AS CATALYSTS FOR
OXYGEN SCAVENGING**

the specification of which

	is attached hereto.
X	was filed on <u>November 19, 2003</u> as
	United States Application Number <u>10/717,297</u>
	or PCT International Application Number _____
	and was amended on _____
	(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above. We do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:



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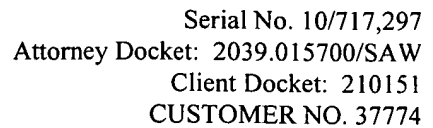
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